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Applicant:	Lee L. Rubin <i>et al.</i>	Art Unit:	Not Yet Assigned
Serial No.:	09/355,004	Examiner:	Not Yet Assigned
Filed:	July 21, 1999	Customer No:	21559
Title:	<i>In Vivo Apoptosis Screening</i>		

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT

Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(b) and 1.181, applicants hereby petition to have the Notification of Abandonment that was mailed in the above-captioned case on May 26, 2000 withdrawn. (A copy is enclosed.) According to the Notification, the application was abandoned for applicants' failure to reply to a Notification of Missing Requirements that was mailed on September 1, 1999. However, as is explained below, a Notification of Missing Requirements was not received by applicants' attorneys.

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abandonment after having received the Notification of Abandonment at her office on

May 30, 2000, and submits that this Petition to Withdraw the Notification is being promptly submitted.

In support of this Petition, enclosed is an original, signed Declaration by applicants' attorney, Susan M. Michaud, attesting on the basis of personal knowledge to the mail procedures in effect from September 1, 1999 (and before) to the present. As is stated in the Declaration, the Notification of Missing Requirements that was mailed from the Patent Office for this case on September 1, 1999 was never received by applicants' attorneys.

Also enclosed is a Submission of Missing Requirements, which includes a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.497(a) and (b), and a check for \$130.00 in payment of the surcharge required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e) for a large entity.

Applicants request that the Notification of Abandonment be withdrawn.

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Respectfully submitted,

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